

STATE OF ILLINOIS



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**ILLINOIS COMMERCE COMMISSION**

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**TO:** All Interested Parties

**FROM:** Jeffrey Hoagg  
Telecommunications Division

**SUBJECT:** February 5, 2007 Telecommunications Workshop:  
Rulemaking Concerning Early Termination Fees

**DATE:** January 10, 2007

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The Commission's Amendatory Order in Docket No. 03-0553 directed Commission Staff to explore the need for Commission rules to govern early termination fees associated with wireline term telecommunications services:

Staff is directed to commence a rulemaking to determine whether the Commission should dictate the manner and limits of liquidated damage provisions in term service contracts and whether local exchange carriers should be required to provide written estimates of contract termination liabilities within a set reasonable time period after receipt of written requests signed by customers but presented to the local exchange carrier by representatives of competing local exchange carriers<sup>1</sup>

Pursuant to this direction, Staff will conduct an informal workshop to discuss these and related issues with interested parties. The workshop will commence at 10:00 a.m. (central time) on February 5, 2007, utilizing the Commission's videoconference facilities. Parties may attend in person at the Commission's Springfield offices (527 East Capitol Avenue) or the Commission's Chicago offices (160 North LaSalle Street).

Questions concerning this workshop may be directed to me at [jhoagg@icc.illinois.gov](mailto:jhoagg@icc.illinois.gov) or on 217-557-5127.

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<sup>1</sup> Docket No. 03-0553, TDS Metrocom vs. Illinois Bell Telephone Company, Complaint concerning imposition of unreasonable and anti-competitive termination charges by Illinois Bell Telephone Company, Amendatory Order (March 9, 2005) at 40.